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Administration: /Dr. B.G. Kunte took over as the Director of Archives in addition to his own duties as Executive Editor and Secretary, Gazetteers Department.

In keeping up with its efforts to create a new Unit for Record Management, the following posts were created:

Archivist	..	1	
Compilers	..	2	
Typist	..	1	
Record Attendants	..	2	
Record Lifters	..	12	(10 at Bombay and 1 each at Vidarbha Nagpur, and Aurangabad were sanctioned in September 1977).

The new branch headed by the Archivist has been entrusted with duties of Record Management which hithertofore were carried out by the Administration Branch headed by the Superintendent. These posts have been sanctioned as "New Item - Phase I". The Project in its second phase is likely to be further reinforced during the next financial year by creating some additional posts.

Budget: During 1977-78 a provision of Rs. 7,81,000 was made on the Non-Plan side out of which Rs. 6,17,000 was spent, while no provision has been made on the Plan side. For 1978-79, a provision of Rs. 9,65,000 has been made on the Non-Plan side.

Building: Proposal for construction of a new building for Maharashtr Archives is still under consideration of the Government.

Record Management: During the period under review 7,125 files of different Departments were examined, out of which 105 files were marked for retention. Besides, 6,316 new files were received from various Departments.

Research and Reference: Forty seven scholars availed themselves of the research facilities, and 1237 volumes and files were issued to them. Besides, 2193 records were issued to Secretariat Department and other Government Offices against 1230 requisitions.

Reference Media: Under this programme, cataloguing of "Public Department Diaries" was taken up and 140 out of 439 diaries were catalogued. Cataloguing of Modi documents from "Chandwad Daftar" is also in progress. 70 out of 208 rumals (containing 1,30,000 documents) have been catalogued so far. Work regarding preparing of indices of those English records of which no reference aids are available has also been taken up and during the period lists of Education and Separate Departments and Janjira Records were compiled.

At Pune Archives, cataloguing of records of "Chitnishi Daftar" is in progress, and 25 rumals have been catalogues so far. Similarly, at Kolhapur Archives, cataloguing of records of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj and "Barda Daftar" is in progress. Further, about 1500 maps were also catalogued during the period.

Publication Programme: - First volume of the "Catalogue of the Papers relating to Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj (1884-1922)" was sent to the press. Catalogue of 'Rapers selected for further research' (Pune Archives) is in final stage of printing.

Following new publications were also completed during the period under review: (a) Descriptive Modi Documents: a collection of Modi documents of notable personalities of Maratha History; (b) Maps of India: selection of Maps of different nature collected from the Map Collections in Bombay Archives; (c) Hot Spring in Bombay Presidency: a selection of Survey Reports on Hot Springs in Bombay Presidency; (d) Aurangabad, the Queen of Deccan: a small booklet giving photographs of places of interest in Aurangabad along with their description and (e) Handbook of the Bombay Archives; gives a general idea of the bulk, nature and arrangement of Bombay Archives.

Besides, the Department has also various other publication projects in hand which it hopes to send to the press during next year.

Preservation of Records: During 1977-78, 970 sheets were flattened, 770 sheets repaired with chiffon, 1,470 sheets were guarded and 747 books bound. 60 books were gu~~a~~rded.

Photo Duplication: The State has no Microfilming Unit of its own.

Library: 325 reference books were added to the Reference Library of Bombay Archives. Besides, 621 publications of Government of Maharashtra and 26 publications of other State Governments were received during the year.

Other Activities: The Department arranged a three day refresher course for the staff-in-charge of records in Government establishments, Zilla Parishads in the Maharashtra region. 79 persons attended the course.

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